

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

At the outset, it should be noted that the marked-up copy of the substitute specification filed on February 18, 2009 did not comply with 37 CFR 1.125(c) as the changes were not underlined. For expediting prosecution, the examiner has annotated the marked-up copy of the specification so that the changes are visible.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ross J. Christie on February 19, 2009.

Claim 23 has been amended as follows:

23. (currently amended) [[D]]A device in combination with a tool (52), the device comprising a first hollow profile (10) and a second hollow profile (10a) arranged approximately at right angles to one another, the first hollow profile (10) has a profile channel (14) concentric to a profile longitudinal axis (A) of the second hollow profile

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(10_a) and also, in at least one profile side surface (20) of the first hollow profile (10), an undercut longitudinal groove (22) parallel to the profile longitudinal axis (A), wherein the first and second hollow profiles (10, 10_a) are held together by a connecting screw (30, 30_a)[[.]]) comprising a shaft (32) of which engages in the profile channel (14) of the first hollow profile (10) and a screw head (36, 36_a) of which is mounted in the undercut longitudinal groove (22) of the second hollow profile (10_a), wherein the screw head (36, 36_a) is provided on its periphery with grooves or notches (43) which run in planes extending from the shaft longitudinal axis (M) and form ribs (44) between them the groove or notches (43), wherein the screw head (36, 36_a) of the bolt (30, 30_a) is arranged in a groove space (26) of the second hollow profile (10_a), and an insertion head (56) of [[a]] the tool is integrated, which is being integrally formed at one end of the tool in a round profile (54) to engage the screw head (36, 36_a), said insertion head having longitudinal notches (58) in its peripheral surface (57), wherein a protective section (66) of a protective surface (60) bears against the peripheral or outer surface (57) of the insertion head (56), said protective surface being releasably fixed to the round profile (54), wherein the protective surface comprises a protective plate (60) having a holding section (62), which is radial with respect to the axis (Q) of the round profile (54) and surrounds the round profile (54), and also a lateral section (64) which is bent out from the surface of said holding section, on which the lateral section and the protective section (66) is integrally formed in an inclined manner with respect to the lateral section (64) to prevent damage to the second hollow profile (10_a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 571-272-7083. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:30AM-6:00PM. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached at 571-272-7087.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3679

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